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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A method for the palliative treatment of neurosis in which anxiety symptoms are prominent which comprises administering a non-toxic anxiolytically effective dose of buspirone or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof to a neurotic patient.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein buspirone hydrochloride is employed, and dosage is by the oral route.

3. The method of claim 2 wherein said patient is suffering from anxiety neurosis.

4. The method of claim 2 wherein said patient is suffering from anxiety neurosis with depressive symptoms.

5. The method of claims 2, 3, or 4 wherein said patient is an adult and a daily dose of from 20 mg. to 60 mg. is employed.

6. The method of claim 5 wherein said daily dose is divided and administered b.i.d.

7. The method of claim 5 wherein said daily dose is divided and administered t.i.d.

8. The method of claim 2 wherein the maximum total daily dose of up to about 100 mg.

9. The method of claims 2, 3, or 4 wherein said patient is an adult and a daily dose of from 20 mg. to 30 mg. is employed.

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